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Re: Blue Ridge Broadcasting Corporation
WFGW (AM), Black Mountain, North Carolina
Facility Identification Number: 5972
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to: 1) the request filed November 30, 2007, on behalf of Blue Ridge Broadcasting Corporation ("BRB"); and 2) the letter of Stephen G. Scholle, Esq, dated May 6, 2008, which amends the request. BRB requests modification and extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on June 20, 2007, to operate Station WFGW with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, BRB states that the property on which the station's antenna system is located has been sold. BRB states that it must quickly relocate its transmitter to avoid a disruption of service. BRB requests STA for operation with an emergency nondirectional antenna, employing the existing, licensed tower of Station WZGM, approximately 3.5 miles from the licensed WFGW site.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provides for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) provides that AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna in lieu of authorized directional facilities shall operate with power reduced to 25 percent or less of the nominal licensed power, or a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth. Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1680.

Accordingly, the request for modification and extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WFGW may operate with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts daytime, 4.75 kilowatts critical hours and 0.125 kilowatt nighttime, employing the existing WZGM tower at geographic coordinates 35° 35' 29" N, 82° 24' 53" W (NAD 1927). It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. BRB must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and

¹ WFGW is licensed for operation on 1010 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime, 19 kilowatts critical hours and 0.5 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional patterns during each daypart (DA-3-U).

the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

Simultaneous operation of stations WFGW and WZGM shall not commence until sufficient diplexing equipment has been installed and properly adjusted to reduce all spurious emissions below the levels specified in 47 CFR Section 73.44(b). Within 10 days after commencement of such operation, BRB must submit the results of measurements which demonstrate compliance with the above condition. The authority granted herein is without prejudice as to the Commission's action on any future application for construction permit for use of the STA site. Any construction undertaken pursuant to this authority is entirely at BRB's own risk.

This authority expires on **November 7, 2008**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" being the most prominent part.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Blue Ridge Broadcasting Corporation
Stephen G. Scholle, Esq.